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FPPC enforcement decisions: March 14, 2006

The following are enforcement decisions approved by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its regular monthly meeting held in Sacramento on Tuesday, March 14, 2006. Decisions are divided by category and include a brief summary of each case and the total amount of the fine or fines in each case.

Additional information on each of the enforcement cases below can be found in the March agenda on the FPPC website at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov>. FPPC agendas are distributed and posted on the agency website 10 days prior to each monthly meeting.

The web version of the agenda includes links to the stipulations agreed to by the commission and by the individuals and organizations subject to the fines, or the default decisions ordered by the commission. Exhibits in support of the stipulations and default decisions are also available on the website. If you are unable to access the FPPC website, or need further assistance, please call the FPPC communications office at (916) 322-7761.

Campaign Money Laundering Violations

In the Matter of Pierce O'Donnell, FPPC No. 01/323. Staff: Senior Commission Counsel Melodee A. Mathay. Respondent Pierce O'Donnell, an attorney and partner in the Los Angeles law firm of O'Donnell & Shaeffer, LLP, was the true source of 26 campaign contributions, totaling \$25,500, made to James Hahn's campaign committee for the 2001 Los Angeles mayoral election. The contributions were made in the names of company employees, or their relatives and friends, in violation of Government Code section 84301 (26 counts). \$72,000 fine.

Campaign Reporting Violations (Default Decision)

In the Matter of Daniel Ricardo Gonzalez and Friends of Daniel R. Gonzalez, FPPC No. 02/375. Staff: Senior Commission Counsel Melodee A. Mathay. Respondent Daniel

Ricardo Gonzalez was an unsuccessful Democratic State Senate candidate for the 19th District in the November 7, 2000 general election. Respondent Friends of Daniel R. Gonzalez was the controlled committee of Respondent Gonzalez. Respondents failed to timely file three semi-annual campaign statements after the November 2000 general election, in violation of Government Code section 84200, subdivision (a) (3 counts). \$10,000 fine.

Campaign Reporting Violations

In the Matter of Eric Barragan, Committee to Re-Elect Eric Barragan, and Oralía Razo, FPPC No. 02/859. Staff: Commission Counsel Amanda Saxton and Investigator III Leon Nurse-Williams. Respondent Eric Barragan was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Paula Union High School District from 1996 to 2004. Respondent Committee to Re-Elect Eric Barragan was his controlled committee, and Respondent Oralía Razo served as treasurer. Respondents failed to timely file two post-election semi-annual campaign statements, in violation of Government Code section 84200, subdivision (a) (2 counts). \$3,500 fine.

Late Contribution – Streamlined Program

Failure to Timely File Late Contribution Reports – Proactive Program. Chief Investigator Sue Straine and Political Reform Consultants Mary Ann Kvasager and Jeanette Turvill. The following entities have entered into a stipulation for failure to file late contribution reports in 2001, 2002, and 2004 in violation of Government Code Section 84203:

- **In the Matter of Fresno County Republican Central Committee, FPPC No. 04-391.** Fresno County Republican Central Committee of Fresno failed to timely disclose late contributions totaling \$45,000.00 in 2002 (2 counts). \$6,750 fine.
- **In the Matter of Steamfitters & Refrigeration U.A. Local 250 P.A.C., FPPC No. 05-253.** Steamfitters & Refrigeration U.A. Local 250 P.A.C. of Gardena failed to timely disclose late contributions totaling \$6,500.00 in 2001 and \$5,500 in 2002 (9 counts). \$1,800 fine.
- **In the Matter of Verboon, Milstein & Peter, FPPC No. 05-576.** Verboon, Milstein & Peter of Santa Monica failed to timely disclose late contributions totaling \$22,000.00 in 2004 (12 counts). \$3,300 fine.
- **In the Matter of Republican Central Committee of Imperial County, FPPC No. 04/464.** Republican Central Committee of Imperial County failed to timely disclose five late contributions totaling \$75,749 (5 counts). \$11,362 fine.
- **In the Matter of Richard W. Selby and Affiliate Selby/Simon Partnership and R. W. Selby & Co. Inc, FPPC No. 06/039.** Richard W. Selby and Affiliate Selby/Simon Partnership and R. W. Selby & Co. Inc. of Los Angeles failed to

timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$24,000.00 in 2005 (1 count). \$400 fine.

Major Donor – Streamlined Program

Failure to Timely File Major Donor Campaign Statements. Chief Investigator Sue Straine and Political Reform Consultant Mary Ann Kvasager. The following persons and entities have entered into stipulations for failing to file major donor campaign statements that were due during calendar years 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004, in violation of Government Code Section 84200:

- **In the Matter of DuRard, McKenna & Borg, FPPC No. 05-736.** DuRard, McKenna & Borg of San Mateo failed to timely file semi-annual campaign statements disclosing contributions totaling \$18,350.00 in 2002 and \$18,400.00 in 2003 (3 counts). \$1,200 fine.
- **In the Matter of Benjamin P. Novello, FPPC No. 05-868.** Benjamin P. Novello of Tampa, Florida failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$10,000.00 in 2004 (1 count). \$400 fine.
- **In the Matter of Stanley Black and Black Equities, FPPC No. 06-091.** Stanley Black and Black Equities of Beverly Hills failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$18,600.00 in 2001 (1 count). \$586 fine.
- **In the Matter of Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights/Equal Justice Society, a project of LCCR, FPPC No. 06-097.** Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights/Equal Justice Society, a project of LCCR of San Francisco failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$10,000.00 in 2002 (1 count). \$400 fine.

Statement of Economic Interests Violations - SEI Streamlined Program

In the Matter of Edwin Mui, FPPC No. 05/482. Staff: Political Reform Consultant Wayne Imberi. Edwin Mui, an employee of the State of California, Department of Conservation, failed to timely file a 2004 annual statement of economic interests in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). \$100 fine.

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